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are to be employed under the personnel system.

(ii) If there is no tribal personnel system, it will be assumed that the personnel to be employed under the proposed contract are adequately trained if the tribal organization has established position descriptions for key personnel to be employed under the contract and will establish within a reasonable time a personnel system similar to the one described in paragraph (c)(5)(i) of this section.

(6) *Other necessary components of contract performance.* (i) The contractor's proposal must demonstrate the capacity to meet minimum health program and professional standards established by IHS for each major health service activity of the IHS. The Director will establish and make available to any prospective contractor the minimum standards for each major health service activity of the Indian Health Service. In evaluating the contractor's proposal, the IHS will take into account the prevailing health program and professional standards of IHS for the health service activity in the location concerned.

(ii) The contractor's proposal will be evaluated to determine the contractor's ability to meet the Uniform Administrative Standards published as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in February 10, 1975, 40 FR 6304.

(iii) The ability of the contractor to carry out the contract in accordance with IHS policy, the applicable regulations of this part, and the Act.

(iv) No other components shall be prescribed as a basis for declination unless such components are added to the regulations in this subpart by revision or amendment of regulations.

(7) IHS officials may not decline to enter into a contract with a tribal organization because of any objection that would be overcome through the contract.

§ 36.209 Government property.

(a) In carrying out a contract made under this part, the Director will whenever possible, permit a tribal contractor to use buildings, facilities, and related equipment and other personal property owned by the IHS within his jurisdiction. Arrangements on the use

of IHS property shall be provided for in the contract or other agreement as appropriate. In determining whether real or personal property can be provided, he shall determine whether the IHS can provide comparable services for any of the uncontracted part of the program.

(b) Requests for the use of IHS property which arise after signing of the contract shall be submitted to the relevant IHS official by the tribal organization. Such requests should be granted unless such a use would seriously interfere with the administration of existing IHS programs. The property must conform to the minimum standards established pursuant to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 651).

§ 36.210 Submitting contract proposals.

(a) When services under the proposed contract will be provided to one or more tribes within the jurisdiction of a single Area Office, the completed contract proposal with documentation of the tribal request(s) and approvals of each such tribe effected shall be delivered or mailed to the Area Director of that Area Office.

(b) When services will be provided to tribes within the jurisdiction of more than one IHS Area Office, a copy of such proposals and documentation shall be forwarded to each of the Area Offices affected.

§ 36.211 Contract proposal approval officials.

The Director or his delegate is authorized to approve proposals for contract under this subpart.

§ 36.212 Review.

Upon receiving a contract application, Indian Health Service will:

(a) Notify the tribal organization in writing that the proposal has been received. This notice will be made within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the proposal.

(b) Review the proposal for completeness and promptly request additional information from the tribal organization or from the requesting tribe which will be needed to reach a decision.